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Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid Case: Supreme Court delivers

THE JUDGEMENT

FIVE-JUDGE CONSTITUTION BENCH (from left): ***Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, Justice S. A. Bobde, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Justice Ashok Bhushan and Justice S. Abdul Nazeer.***

New Delhi, Nov. 9 (UNI & Agencies)- Bringing down curtains on the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid issue, one of the longest running title disputes in India, a Five-Judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court this morning, in a unanimous judgement, allotted the disputed Ayodhya land to the Ram Janmabhoomi Trust while ordering allotment of an alternative piece of five acres of land to the Muslims for a Mosque.

The Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi, said the Hindu litigants were able to establish their case that they were in possession of the outer courtyard. It added that the Muslim side was unable to prove their exclusive possession of the inner courtyard. Sources said that the judgement runs into 1,045 pages.

The Apex Court has directed the Centre to frame a scheme under which it will constitute a body within three months to hand over the inner and outer courtyard to the Ram Janmabhoomi Trust. It said the Sunni Wakf Board would be granted five acres of land in a "suitable, prominent place in Ayodhya."

Five-Judge Bench

The Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi-led Bench of Justices Sharad Arvind Bobde, Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S. Abdul Nazeer, said that the damage caused to Babri Masjid in 1934 and the desecration in 1949 violates the rule of law. The demolition of the Babri Masjid in 1992 during the pendency of the suits is condemnable, the Bench said.

Muslims have not been able to prove their possession on the disputed property as a composite whole, the verdict said. "No proof to show Muslim possession was exclusive. The Sunni Waqf Board's claim that the disputed premises were a Waqf is a mirror image of the Hindus' claim that the Ram Janmabhoomi is a legal personality. Both contentions have been rejected," the Bench ruled.

Allahabad HC verdict defies logic

The Supreme Court referred to Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, which prohibits its conversion of any place of worship, to say that all religions are equal. At the heart of the Constitution is Secularism, commitment to equality. Constitution does not distinguish between one faith and another, said the Bench.

The Ayodhya title suit verdict came nine years after the 2:1 judgement of the Allahabad High Court that ordered a three-way division of the disputed 2.77 acres of land between the three parties — Ram Lalla, Sunni Waqf Board and the Nirmohi Akhara. The Lucknow Bench had ruled that Hindus and Muslims would be joint title holders of the disputed land. The SC Bench said that the three-way partition of the Ram Janmabhoomi by the Allahabad High Court defies logic.

(See JUDGEMENT on page 8)

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Mysuru, Saturday 9th November 2019

Stubble trouble

Multi-column headlines of many widely circulated dailies may or may not have *choked* the readers, taking in their strides reports of the country's economic slowdown, abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, action by the sleuths of the Central Government's ED (Enforcement Directorate) questioning political heavy-weights, nature's fury causing unprecedented disaster affecting people in unmanageable numbers, criminal acts victimising lay people, even committing murders for trivial reasons, unending verbal spats among the politicos in many States creating conditions not suitable to carry on stable administration, such as in Karnataka and Maharashtra, but the National Capital Region is currently witnessing *choking* in a more serious sense of the term. Headlines reading "Indian lungs under extreme stress" and "High demand for air purifiers in the capital," may set the people of other regions in general and their counterparts in Mysuru and surroundings wondering about the exact import of the media reports. Steep decline in the quality of ambient air, a gift of nature taken for granted, and soaring prices of food articles provide the greatest contrast between two phenomena.

Talking of air pollution, alongside pollution of water bodies, notably lifeline-rivers and even lakes that sustain water table, due to unchecked letting of effluents from industries manufacturing toxic chemicals and emission by motorised vehicles witnessing never-before density in urban spaces has turned a joke, but the current scenario in the nation's capital is a *cruel* joke.

As the National Capital Region's headcount of more than two crore continued to reel under unabated air pollution for the past many days, triggering serious health concerns among all sections of society, more in case of school-bound children, the demand for air purifiers has soared to the extent of supply in the market falling manifold short of requirement, apart from shooting up the consumer price of the cannisters. Early warning about the impending trouble with air quality began to be sounded even last year, when it was realised that the offending factor was particulate matter 2.5 in the air blowing across the capital from the agricultural fields of neighbouring Punjab and Haryana, where the farmers follow the practice of setting fire to the crop residue.

In addition to the afflictions already bugging the diaspora, the ongoing act of farmers not heeding the order of the Government to discontinue burning of crop residue of wheat and rice, the people of the capital are battling with Acute Respiratory Infections as a result of unchecked stubble trouble. Utilising the stubble for producing bioethanol is on the cards, according to reports, raining hopes of better days.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

ODD-EVEN SPOOKS METRO: ***On the very first day of the odd-even passenger vehicle scheme in Delhi, Metro Rail services at Laxmi Nagar Station were affected as a huge number of passengers gathered at the station to board trains to various destinations. Due to the rush, the door of one of the compartments in a train would not close, forcing the train to be stopped for about half an hour. The odd-even scheme is one of the many steps taken by the Delhi Government to control air pollution in Delhi and adjoining areas. The scheme will remain in place till November 15.***

— In Business Standard

NEWS SPARKLERS

Fake Cop helps Police stop suspect, gets arrested later

North Carolina: A man who allegedly joined a Police chase and later handcuffed the suspect at gunpoint was eventually arrested for impersonating a Police Officer.

Police in Wilson, North Carolina, got some unexpected help during a high-speed car chase. At about 11 pm, they stopped a car in search of a murder suspect, but as they approached the vehicle, the driver sped off. A black Ford Taurus with blue lights turned on sped past the patrol car, got in front of the suspect's car, and slowed down, forcing the car behind to stop. However, before the Police could arrive, the man in the Taurus, later identified as 30-year-old David Adams, got out of his car, pointed a gun at the five men in the suspicious vehicle he had stopped, commanded them to get out, and then handcuffed and searched the driver.

Police later ran a check on David Adams and learned that he was a law enforcement officer. Adams was served with a warrant for his arrest and charged with impersonating a law enforcement officer. He was given a $1,500 unsecured bond.

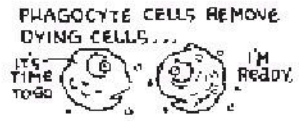
Girl allegedly gouges out croc's eyes to save friend

Sinderela: A 11-year-old girl from Zimbabwe, is being hailed as a hero for saving a 9-year-old friend from the jaws of a crocodile by jumping on the reptile and allegedly gouging its eyes out.

The girl, Rebecca Munkombwe and her friends had just got back from a swim in a stream near their home village of Sinderela, when they heard the screams coming from the water. The 11-year-old was shocked to see her 9-year-old friend Latoya Muwani being dragged into the water by a crocodile. While all the other children were petrified or running scared, Rebecca Munkombwe allegedly ran toward the water, jumped on top of the crocodile and started gouging its eyes out until it loosened its grip on Latoya.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How fast do human cells die?



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Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Nov. 9- **N. Indresh** has been awarded Ph.D in History by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Heggadadevana Kote Pradeshada Shasanagalu Mathu Smarakagalu — Ondu Samskruthika Adhyayana' (from 4th century to 19th century) submitted under the guidance of Dr. G.T. Somashekar.

L. Bhagirathi has been awarded Ph.D in Food Science & Nutrition by the UoM for her thesis 'Cashew Apple (Anacardium Occidentale L): Product Development and Nutrition Intervention Studies with Reference to its Broncho Dilator Effect in Asthma Subjects.' [Guide: Dr. Asna Urooj].

H. Sathish Kumar has been awarded Ph.D in Electronics by the UoM for his thesis 'A Novel Robust Controller for Vector Controlled Induction Motor Drive' [Guide: Dr. S.S. Parthasarathy].

D.C. Umesha has been awarded Ph.D in History by UoM for his thesis 'Rashtriya Chaluvali Mathu Karnatakada Yekikaranadalli Goruru Ramaswamy Iyengar Avara Patra — Ondu Adhyayana (1904 to 1991) [Guide: Dr. G.T. Somashekar].

R. Vanishri has been awarded Ph.D in Computer and Information Sciences by **Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU)**, Belagavi, for her thesis 'Development of Machine Learning and Data Mining Models For Effective Management of Healthcare Resources.' [Guides: Dr. V. Shyam and Dr. S.K. Padma].

A.V. Shravan has been awarded Ph.D in Business Administration (Management) by the VTU for his thesis 'Creating an Enabling Environment for Women Entrepreneurship — A Study on Selected Districts in Karnataka.' [Guide: Dr. P.S.V. Balaji Rao].

H.M. Sanjay has been awarded Ph.D in Computer Science and Engineering by **the Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education**, Tumakuru, for his thesis 'Algorithmic Aspects of Security Auditing among Multi-Agents to Acquire Trust Access Control in Hybrid Cloud.' [Guide: Dr. C. D. Guruprakash].

Really...?

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Subway near Dasara Exhibition reeks of urine stench

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Yesterday, we decided to use the subway instead of crossing the road and disturbing the traffic. However, I was disappointed with the maintenance, as people had urinated over there, the floor was all wet, and it was littered with garbage and food. We just could not breathe while commuting through the subway. It is the filthiest place to utilise.

I had hoped that the subway would have been clean as so many tourists come to visit the exhibition. Using the underground walkway as toilets is intolerable when the Government has built public toilets to utilise.

When we do not respect and safeguard the public properties such as subways, toilets, hospitals. How can we blame the Government when they are trying to provide good facilities? Even the citizens must feel responsible towards safeguarding the public property.

I request the authorities to close this subway or clean it as it might lead to a threat for public health. I hope that these conditions can be improved for the welfare and benefit of the people of Mysuru.

—Akshatha Korana

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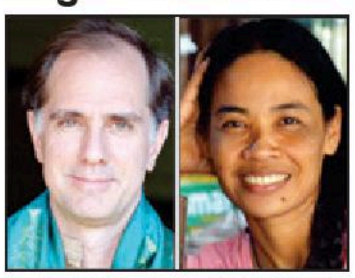
Sahaja Samrudha and Belavala Foundation have organised an interactive session on 'The Basics of Permaculture' by Michael Commons, an active member of the Thai Wanakaset Network, a network of farmers living at the edges of natural forest reserves, on Nov.10 from 10.30 am at Belavala Parisara Kendra, Belagola village, Mysuru. Michael works on Regenerative Value Chain Development, Agricultural Biodiversity and Forest Gardening with Earth Net Foundation.

Natural Soap Making for Beginners: An introduction to natural soap making will be held by **Chonchaya Chanrawin,** a long-time student of "Wanakaset" (Agroforestry and Self-Reliance)



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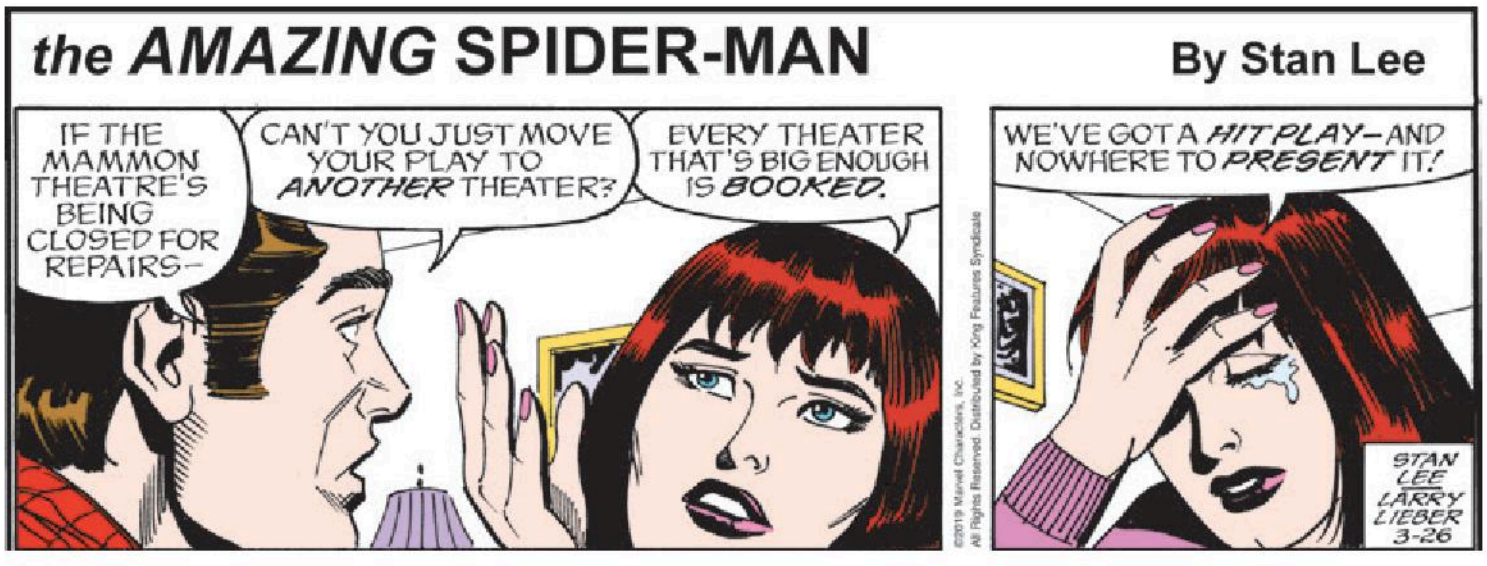
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NEWS BRIEFS

Poster Making Competition

An Inter-School Poster Making Competition has been organised at JSS Public School, Siddarthanagar, on Nov.12 at 10 am. A motivational talk by M. Kumaraswamy, Director of Brain Academy for Secret to Success, Tumakuru and Yogashri Dr. A.R. Seetharam, former Principal of Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education (RIMSE), Mysuru, has been organised on Nov.16 at Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Bhavan in Old JSS Hospital premises. While the talk for students will be held at 10.30 am, the talk for teachers will be held at 2.30 pm. JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary-1 S.P. Manjunath will preside over the event, according to a press release from the School.

Sports Meet for Engineering Colleges

JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru, has organised the 2nd Inter-Collegiate Engineering Sports Meet 2019-20 on Nov.11 at SJCE Football Grounds. Students of Engineering Colleges of Mysuru Zone comprising Mysuru, Mandya, Ramanagara, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar will be participating in the Sports Meet. Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) Mysuru Zone Convener S. Sudhakar Rai will inaugurate the Meet at 9.30 am. JSS Science and Technology University Vice-Chancellor Prof. L. Jawahar Nesan will preside. For details, contact Physical Education Director and Convener C. Revanna on Mob: 81059-49014, according to a press release.

Dasara Expo: Free entry for children

Entry to Dasara Exhibition will be free for children below 14 years on Nov.14 from 11 am to 3 pm marking Children's Day, according to a press release from Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA).

Milk Parlour at Jayadeva Hospital

Nandini Milk Parlour, opened at the premises of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research on KRS Road, Mysuru, will be inaugurated by the Institute Director Dr. C.N. Manjunath on Nov.11 at 11 am, according to a press release.

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Three of family killed in car-bus collision

A file photo of injured Pratheeksha with her parents Mohan and Uma and brother Prajwal who were killed on the spot.

The mangled remains of the ill-fated car.

Mysuru, Nov.9 (MTY&DM)- In a ghastly road accident, three members of a family were killed and another member sustained serious injuries when the car they were travelling collided head-on with a private bus near Varakodu Paper Mill near Varakodu Gate on Mysuru-T. Narasipur Road in Varuna Police Station limits on Friday.

The deceased have been identified as Mohan (51), his wife Uma (45) and son Prajwal (22), residents of Nagarabhavi (Moodalapalya) in Bengaluru, while the deceased couple's daughter Pratheeksha is undergoing treatment at a city hospital.

The family had come to Duddagere in Mysuru taluk in a Maruti Swift car (KA-01 MC-3629) on Thursday night itself to take part in a house-warming ceremony scheduled for Friday.

After attending the ceremony, the family left in their car to Madikeri on Friday afternoon. The family was on way on Mysuru-T. Narasipur Road, when the car crashed into an oncoming private bus, while trying to overtake another vehicle moving ahead of it at a curved stretch of the road near the Paper Mill.

Due to the impact of the collision, Mohan, Uma and Prajwal died at the spot, while Pratheeksha sustained grievous injuries. Pratheeksha was shifted in an ambulance that came by, to a private hospital in the city, where she is said to be out of danger.

The impact of the collision was such that the bodies had to be extricated by cutting open the metal of the highly mangled remains of the car, which was reportedly being driven by Prajwal. The accident is said to have occurred as the car driver failed to notice the curved stretch from a distance.

SP C.B. Ryshyanth, ASPs Kshama Mishra and P.V. Sneha and other Police personnel visited the spot. The jurisdictional Varuna Police have registered a case in this regard.

Three thieves arrested in two separate cases

Mysuru, Nov.9- Even as the City Police are grappling to contain rising burglaries and thefts, Nazarbad Police, in a major catch, arrested three thieves in two separate cases and recovered two two-wheelers and four high-end cell-phones, totally worth Rs.1,82,000, from them.

K. Nithin, 20, a resident of Sunnadakeri in K.R. Mohalla and C. Nagarjun, 21, a resident of Lakshmipuram in city, are the ones who are arrested in the first case.

Acting on a tip-off, the Police picked up Nithin and Nagarjun from the tonga stand near the KSRTC Sub-urban Bus Stand when they were found moving about in a suspicious manner on Nov.5.

During interrogation, the duo confessed to have waylaid and robbed a motorcyclist of his high-end mobile phone after threatening him with a knife near the Taluk Office close to the Sub-urban Bus Stand on the night of Nov.3.

Following the confession, the Police recovered a Suzuki motorcycle used for the crime, three cell phones and other articles, totally worth about Rs.62,000 from them.

In the second case, the Police, who arrested 21-year-old Taufiq Pasha, a resident of Satyanagar in Udayagiri, have recovered an iPhone allegedly stolen by him and a Honda Activa scooter used for the crime.

Acting on a tip-off, the Police picked up Taufiq Pasha when he was moving about in a suspicious manner near JSS School on Vinaya Marga, Siddarthanagar, a couple of days ago.

During interrogation, he confessed to have snatched a hand purse from a woman near her house in Siddarthanagar on Nov.1, following which the hand purse containing a 6S plus iPhone and the Honda active scooter used for the crime, together worth about Rs.1.20 lakh, were recovered from him.

The nabbing and recovery operation was carried out by in-charge Nazarbad Police Inspector Vivekananda and staff H.V. Madhukesh, B.V. Prakash, Paramesha, Lingaiah, Chethana and Chethan, under the direction of DCP (Crime and Traffic) B.T. Kavitha and Devaraja ACP G.S. Gajendra Prasad.

Accident victim succumbs to injuries

H.B. Prashanth

Mysuru, Nov.9- A road accident victim, who was being treated at a city hospital, succumbed to his injuries yesterday.

The deceased has been identified as H.B. Prashanth (49), a resident of Gangothri Layout in city.

Prashanth, a native of Honnanayakanahalli near Keragodu in Mandya district, had met with a road accident near Keragodu on Oct.26, in which he sustained grievous injuries.

He was being treated at a city hospital since then.

But he breathed his last on Friday evening and his last rites were performed at his native village this afternoon, according to family sources.

Fake vehicle registration case in Kodagu

Driving school owner among three taken into custody

Madikeri, Nov.9- With a case of fake registration of a two-wheeler coming to light (reported in *SOM* on Nov.3), Madikeri Rural Police who began an investigation into the issue, have taken three persons, including the owner of a driving school, into custody for questioning, it is learnt.

While one is a owner of a vehicle driving school at Madikeri, the other two are said to be a broker at the RTO Office, Madikeri and an individual from Napoklu.

The fake vehicle registration racket is said to have spread its wings to Mysuru, Hunsur, Periyapatna and other taluks as well.

The fake vehicle registration racket came to light a few days ago when some people expressed doubts about the Registration Number (KA-12 U-9999) of a two-wheeler, when in fact the U-series was not yet introduced in Kodagu RTO.

As some vehicle owners have a craze for fancy numbers, the middlemen are making the most of it by making fake registration cards that have fancy numbers, it is learnt.

Why NTM School land not handed over to RK Ashram, MP questions DDPI

Pratap Simha

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (RK&BCT)- Mysuru Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI) Panduranga had to face Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha for not handing over the State-run Maharani New Type Model (NTM) School to Sri Ramakrishna (RK) Ashram to build a Viveka Memorial. The officer was taken to task by the MP for delaying the land transfer.

MP Simha was addressing officials during the progress review meeting of District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA), at Zilla Panchayat Auditorium in city yesterday when the issue of NTM School came up.

The Ashram wants to build Swami Vivekananda Memorial Cultural Youth Centre to commemorate the stay of Swami Vivekananda at the Niranjana Mutt when he visited Mysuru for the first time in November 1892. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), after renovating Niranjana Mutt, handed it over to RK Ashram. But as the space is not enough to meet the planned projects of the Ashram, the NTM School, adjoining the Mutt, was handed over to RK Ashram as per a Government Order.

Pratap Simha asked the DDPI why the land has not yet been transferred to the Ashram and asked him why the Department has not joined hands for a noble cause. Panduranga replied that Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had made a file noting to save the NTM School and hand over the remaining land to the Ashram.

Irked by the reply, Simha asked the officer, "Don't you know that the previous CM had officially ordered handing over the land to Ashram? This Order has to be followed. The present CM has just made a file noting. How many children are there in the school," he questioned.

DDPI Panduranga said that there were 45 children in NTM School and at this point, the MP told him that there were many examples of children being shifted from one Government school to another due to lack of attendance and closing the school where there is poor attendance. "Why the same yardstick can't be applied for NTM School," Pratap Simha asked.

DDPI told the MP that there were several organisations who were opposing the shifting of children to another school and they had blocked the Department's move. The Officer expressed his helplessness over the issue.

Sensing a deadlock of sorts, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, who was also present on the dais, whispered something to the MP. Pratap Simha then directed the DDPI to be more proactive and follow up the issue.

'Rope in retired teachers to better SSLC results'

Focussing on SSLC results, MP Pratap Simha asked officials to use private resource persons to conduct special classes and to make the students to face the exams with confidence. The MP took objection to last year's results where Mysuru had slipped from 14th position to 17th place.

"See the data in which subject students have fared bad and identify the areas where they need improvement where special coaching needs to be given. These coaching classes can be held once a week and private resource persons can be invited to take classes," Simha told the officials. He also added that retired teachers could be roped in to conduct coaching classes.

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Expand cultivation of Nanjangud Rasabaale

Continuing the progress review meeting, the MP directed Horticulture Department officials to take measures to expand the cultivation area of exotic Nanjangud Rasabaale in Mysuru. Officials told the MP that at present, Nanjangud Rasabaale costs about Rs. 120 per kilo.

The fruit is in great demand due to low production. The banana is grown only in some parts of Nanjangud. The MP urged the officials to take measures to improve the cultivation area as the crop would help the farmers to get handsome income.

He asked the officials to take up a pilot project on a farm of the Horticulture Department. He asked them to identify places in the district where Nanjangud Rasabaale can be cultivated. DC Abhiram Sankar suggested officers to take up a pilot project at Yelachenahalli farm.

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Chamundi Hill to be developed under Centre's PRASAD Scheme

The MP directed the Tourism Department officials to invite exquisite designs from students of art schools based on which the arch gates leading to Chamundi Hill can be redesigned. During the meeting, Tourism Department Deputy Director Janardhan presented a Power-Point Presentation on the Rs. 41 crore overall development to be taken up atop Chamundi Hill under the Centre's Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) Scheme.

The Centre has chosen the Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill under its holistic PRASAD Scheme to develop without spoiling its surrounding ecosystem. PRASAD is a fully Central Government-funded scheme where Rs.100 crore will be granted towards development of temples.

The scheme was launched in 2014-15 by the Union Ministry of Tourism. It aims at integrated development of pilgrimage destinations in planned, prioritised and sustainable manner to provide complete religious tourism experience. It focuses on the development and beautification of the identified pilgrimage destinations.

Commenting on the presentation, MP Pratap Simha said that the project report was not up to the mark. "The arch gates design is not aesthetic and there is a need to re-dress the steps to ensure that no devotee slips on the steps. Also, steel railings must be laid along the steps in the middle and on the sides. There is a need to establish drinking water kiosks, landscaping of the area near Nandi Statue and other works," Simha said.

On the design of arch gates, Simha said that suggestions could be invited from the students of Chamarajendra Academy of Visual Arts (CAVA) or from reputed artistes to come up with the design of arch based on religious and historical significance.

The MP expressed unhappiness over the project report and designs prepared by Infrastructure Development Corporation (Karnataka) Limited (iDeCK). "iDeCK takes one percent of project cost (Rs. 41 crore) to prepare an action plan. If such kind of shoddy action plan is prepared, what is the point in giving one percent of money to iDeCK," he remarked.

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66,400 seek relief under Debt Relief Act

Applications stockpiled at Assistant Commissioner's Office in city

Government says it will implement the Act only after the Court settles the matter. However, sources say, the announcement made in July 2019 before H.D. Kumaraswamy stepped down as CM was for "mere publicity" and unlikely to be realised.

VOLUMINOUS TASK AHEAD: ***Mysuru Assistant Commissioner Dr. N.C. Venkataraju seen inside the room in DC Office where bundles of applications are stored.***

Mysuru, Nov.9 (MTY, DM & BCT)- The Mysuru District Administration has received a whopping 66,400 applications from people seeking relief under the Debt Relief Act that was passed by the previous Coalition Government headed by H.D. Kumaraswamy.

The applications have been stockpiled at the Assistant Commissioner's (AC) Office in the premises of Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office in city. These applications have been submitted by people from middle and lower middle class families who have pledged their movable and immovable properties with private money-lenders and pawn-brokers.

The State Government had invited applications from people who are eligible for relief under the Act and had fixed Oct.22 as the last day to submit applications. In a district, AC is the Nodal Officer to receive applications.

The Debt Relief Act is aimed at releasing small farmers and agricultural labourers (who earn not more than Rs. 10,000 per month) from clutches of money-lenders and pawn-brokers. Though the Act dates back to 1976 introduced during the rule of then CM D. Devaraj Urs, it was again passed in the Legislative Assembly this year at the fag end of Kumaraswamy Government and the Bill got President's assent on July 16 this year.

Applications pour in

After the President gave his assent, targeted beneficiaries from across the State began to file applications. As applications began to pour-in in thousands, the State Government directed the ACs to function as Nodal Officers in their respective districts.

Applications were received from Aug.16 to Oct.22. The authorities have confirmed that they had received 66,400 applications. They have been bundled date-wise and stored in the DC Office. Now the process of segregating the applications taluk-wise is on and all the data is being entered into the computer.

Exclusive data software

The State Government has come up with exclusive software to store the data through a dashboard. Although the beneficiaries were asked to submit applications in their respective taluks, many people from neighbouring districts such as Mandya and Chamarajanagar have submitted their applications in Mysuru which has contributed to the high number of applications.

Beneficiaries are being categorised under three heads — landless labourers, economically poor and micro farmers. Their annual income must not be above Rs.1.2 lakh. All the applicants were asked to submit necessary documents according to their classification. Now the process of compiling data is on.

Segregation/ compilation

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, **Mysuru AC Dr. N.C. Venkataraju** said the process of taluk-wise segregation of applications was under progress. A special counter has been opened at DC Office and 10 data entry operators have been employed on a contract basis to do jobs related to the processing of applications.

Once the data is entered, the dashboard can be opened by any Government official to access the data. It will be a ready-reckoner for district-wise data under the heads of total amount, total gold pledged, total land pledged and how much money is needed to waive off the loans, he said.

Who are the beneficiaries?

Under the Act, agriculture labourers, landless labourers and small farmers having 2 acres of rain-fed land or less, whose annual income is less than Rs. 1.2 lakh and had taken loan from money-lenders or from any other private source, will get relief. It will be only a one-time relief and their loan will be waived off.

The scheme is applicable to those who have availed such loans on or before July 16 (the day of President's assent and the subsequent notification on July 23) but it does not apply to future loans. Under the scheme, lenders would not be entitled for any compensation.

Pawn-brokers move HC

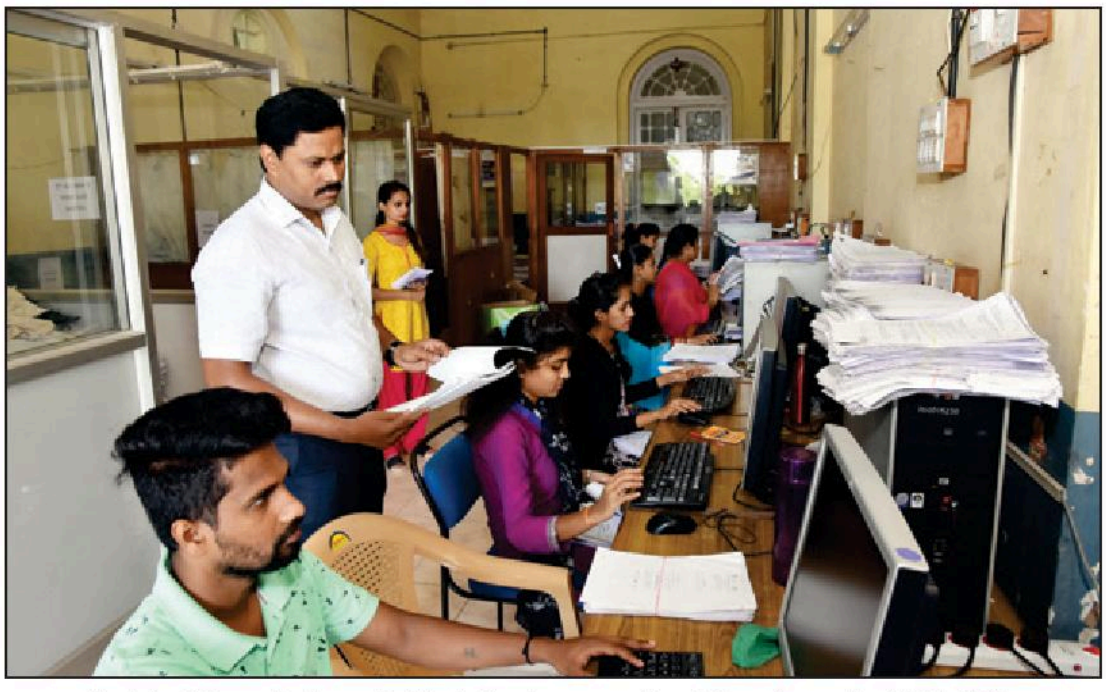
Meanwhile, Pawn-brokers have moved the Karnataka High Court seeking to exclude them from the purview of the Act. The Court directed the Government not to take any coercive action until further orders against pawn-brokers under Section 5 of the Karnataka Debt Relief Act.

The Court passed the interim order hearing petitions filed by Karnataka Pawn-brokers' Association and more than 300 individual pawn-brokers, who have challenged the Constitutional validity of the Act.

Data collection only

Registered pawn-brokers have approached the Court as they would receive nothing for the loans they have advanced. As the matter is in the Court, the Government is limiting itself to data collection and storage right now. However the Government will implement the Act only after the Court settles the matter.

Officials estimate that debtors owe Rs. 850-Rs.900 crore to pawn-brokers, which will be waived if the Act is implemented. However, sources in the Government said the announcement made in July before Kumaraswamy stepped down as Chief Minister was for "mere publicity" and unlikely to be realised.



Assistant Commissioner Dr. Venkataraju overseeing data entry work at DC's Office.

CNNL pavilion at Dasara Expo focuses on water conservation

Mysuru, Nov.9 (MK&US)- Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) Managing Director K. Jaiprakash visited the CNNL Pavilion at Dasara Exhibition premises here recently.

Impressed by the display, Jaiprakash opined that the pavilion has thrown light on the vast catchment area of River Cauvery and various irrigation methods used in agriculture. He added that a good information is provided on water conservation, drip irrigation and methods to fill lakes.

He pointed out that the main aim was to grow more crop using less water to reap a good return. He stressed on the importance of drip irrigation and solar power in the present context.

Continuing, Jaiprakash contended that many people are unaware of the birth place of River Cauvery and the path of the river before joining Bay of Bengal. He commended the work of the Artist Rangaswamy for excellent depiction of the model of Cauvery catchment area and design of the pavilion in general.

CNNL Chief Engineer Shankaregowda, Superintending Engineers M.N. Chandrakumar, K.G. Vijaykumar, Assistant Executive Engineer Rajesh Munshi and others were present.

Excise Dept. Control Room

Mysuru, Nov.9- The Excise Department has set up Control Room to receive complaints from general public related to illegal production, possession, transportation or distribution of liquor during the ensuing by-elections to Hunsur Assembly Constituency or can call Excise Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru District or Taluks over Ph: 0821-2541863 or Mob: 94495-97184 or Ph: 08222-251690 or Mob: 91644-72271 to lodge complaints regarding illegal transport of liquor, according to a press release from Deputy Commissioner of Excise, Mysuru.

Centre releases Rs.1,300 crore for SC/ST Hostels

Bengaluru, Nov.9- The Union Government has sanctioned Rs.1,300 crore for setting up new SC/ST Hostels across the State. The Centre plans to construct 100 hostels at a cost of about Rs. 13 crore each at places where Government lands are available. The construction works are expected to be complete in two years. State PWD Minister Govind Karjol and BJP National President J.P. Nadda were present at the meeting.

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Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid Case

Journey of a Dispute: Twists & Turns

The following is the chronology of events in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh in which the Supreme Court concluded the 40-day hearing and reserved the order. The Bench heard for 40 days the arguments of the Hindu and the Muslim sides.

1528	:	Babri Masjid built by Mir Baqi, commander of Mughal emperor Babur.
1885	:	Mahant Raghubir Das files plea in Faizabad District Court seeking permission to build a canopy outside the disputed structure. Court rejects the plea.
1949	:	Idols of Ram Lalla placed under central dome outside the disputed structure.
1950	:	Gopal Simla Visharad files suit in Faizabad District Court for rights to worship the idols of Ram Lalla. Paramahansa Ramachandra Das files suit for continuation of worship and keeping the idols.
1959	:	Nirmohi Akhara files suit seeking possession of the site.
1981	:	UP Sunni Central Waqf Board files suit for possession of the site.
Feb. 1, 1986	:	Local court orders the Government to open the site for Hindu worshippers.
Aug. 14, 1989	:	Allahabad HC orders maintenance of status quo in respect of the disputed structure.
Dec. 6, 1992	:	Babri Masjid demolished.
Apr. 3, 1993	:	'Acquisition of Certain Area at Ayodhya Act' passed for acquiring land by Centre in the disputed area. Various writ petitions, including one by Ismail Faruqui, filed in Allahabad HC challenging various aspects of the Act. SC, exercising its jurisdiction under Article 139A, transferred the writ petitions, which were pending in the High Court.
Oct. 24, 1994	:	SC says in historic Ismail Faruqui case mosque was not integral to Islam.
Apr., 2002	:	Allahabad HC begins hearing on determining who owns the disputed site.
Mar. 13, 2003	:	SC says, in the Aslam alias Bhure case, no religious activity of any nature be allowed at the acquired land.
Sept. 30, 2010	:	Allahabad HC, in a 2:1 majority, rules three-way division of disputed area between Sunni Waqf Board, the Nirmohi Akhara and Ram Lalla.
May 9, 2011	:	SC stays HC verdict on Ayodhya land dispute.
Mar. 21, 2017	:	Chief Justice J.S. Khehar suggests out-of-court settlement among rival parties.
Aug. 7, 2017	:	SC constitutes three-judge bench to hear pleas challenging 1994 verdict of the Allahabad HC.
Feb. 8, 2018	:	SC starts hearing the civil appeals.
July 20, 2018	:	SC reserves verdict.
Sept. 27, 2018	:	SC declines to refer the case to a five-judge Constitution Bench -- case to be heard by a newly constituted three-judge bench on October 29.
Oct. 29, 2018	:	SC fixes the case for the first week of January before an appropriate Bench, which will decide the schedule of hearing.
Dec. 24, 2018	:	SC decides to take up petitions on case for hearing on January 4, 2019.
Jan. 4, 2019	:	SC says an appropriate bench constituted by it will pass an order on January 10 for fixing the date of hearing in the title case.
Jan. 8, 2019	:	SC sets up a five-judge Constitution Bench to hear the case headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and comprising justices S.A. Bobde, N.V. Ramana, U.U. Lalit and D.Y. Chandrachud.
Jan. 10, 2019	:	Justice U.U. Lalit recuses himself prompting SC to reschedule the hearing for January 29 before a new Bench.
Jan. 25, 2019	:	SC reconstitutes five-member Constitution Bench to hear the case. The new Bench comprises Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S.A. Bobde, D.Y. Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S. Abdul Nazeer.
Jan. 29, 2019	:	Centre moves SC seeking permission to return the 67-acre acquired land around the disputed site to original owners.
Feb. 26, 2019	:	SC favours mediation, fixes March 5 for order on whether to refer matter to court-appointed mediator.
Mar. 8, 2019	:	SC refers the dispute for mediation by a panel headed by former Apex Court Judge F.M.I. Kalifulla with spiritual guru and founder of Art of Living Foundation Sri Ravishankar and senior advocate Sriram Panchu, a renowned mediator, as members
Apr. 9, 2019	:	Nirmohi Akhara opposes in SC Centre's plea to return acquired land around Ayodhya site to owners.
May 9, 2019	:	Three-member mediation committee submits interim report in SC.
May 10, 2019	:	SC extends time till August 15 to complete mediation process.
July 11, 2019	:	SC seeks report on "progress of mediation".
July 18, 2019	:	SC allows mediation process to continue, seeks outcome report by August 1.
Aug. 1, 2019	:	Report of mediation submitted in sealed cover to SC.
Aug. 2, 2019	:	SC decides to conduct day-to-day hearing from August 6 as mediation fails.
Aug. 6, 2019	:	SC commences day-to-day hearing on the land dispute.
Oct. 4, 2019	:	SC says it will wrap up hearing on Oct.17, judgment by Nov. 17. SC directs UP government to provide security to State Waqf Board Chairperson.
Oct. 16, 2019	:	SC concludes hearing; reserves order.

Historical wrong has been corrected: Ram Lalla counsel

- **Sunni Waqf Board to file review petition**
- **It is not anyone's victory or defeat: PM Modi**

New Delhi, Nov. 9 (UNI& Agencies)- "A historical wrong has been corrected", said a senior lawyer of the Hindu side after the SC ruled in favour of a temple in Ayodhya title dispute case.

Speaking to reporters, senior advocate P.S. Narasimha, who represented Ram Lalla Virajman, said: "Hindus were praying at Ram Janmabhoomi before the Mosque was constructed. And after the Mosque was constructed, they continue to pray till date. This is a great judgement...A historical wrong has been corrected."

Will file review petition

Sunni Waqf Board lawyer Zafaryab Jilani said they are not satisfied with the Court verdict and will file a review petition. "We respect the judgement but we are not satisfied. The judgement is not as per our expectations," he said. "After today's order, it looks we will file a review petition. But a final decision will be taken only after consultation with our legal team," he added

"Today's observation by the CJI will go a long way in the nation's welfare," Jilani said. However Rajiv Dhawan, the other lawyer who represented the Muslims, evaded a reply.

Another litigant Iqbal Ansari said "We will not challenge the Court verdict from our side. We are very happy with the decision. We respect the decision. Now it is the responsibility of the Government where it provides land for the Mosque."

PM Modi tweets 'Bharatbhakti'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted drawing attention to the importance of taking the legal course in resolving disputes following

SC verdict. "The Supreme Court has pronounced its verdict on the Ayodhya (land dispute case). This decision should not be seen as anyone's victory or defeat. Be it 'Rambhakti' or 'Rahimabhakti', this is the time for all of us to strengthen the feeling of 'Bharatbhakti'. My appeal to the countrymen is to maintain peace, harmony and unity," Modi said.

"Supreme Court's verdict is important for many reasons: It shows how important it is to follow the legal process in resolving a dispute. Each side was given enough time and opportunity to present their arguments. The temple of justice resolved the decades-old case amicably," Modi tweeted.

THE JUDGEMENT

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SC accepts ASI findings

Accepting the Archaeological Survey of India's (ASI) report, the Supreme Court stated that the Mosque was not constructed on vacant land. It observed, the pre-existing structure was large and Babri pillars prove a pre-existing structure. Pre-existing structure was not on Islamic land and the artefacts collected show earlier structure was non-Islamic.

"Balance of probabilities suggest pre-existence of temple. But the ASI has refrained from saying temple was demolished. It only says material was used for constructing Mosque. Both Hindus and Muslims cannot explain what the disputed land was used for from 12th to 16th century," the Bench observed.

On faith of Hindus

On the faith of Hindus, the Supreme Court observed: "There is consistent proof that Hindus considered Ayodhya the birthplace of Ram. Hindus believed Ram was born under the central dome of the demolished Mosque. Testimonies, even in cross examination, did not disprove Hindus' faith in birthplace as not genuine."

"Once evidence is there of the belief and faith that Ram Janmabhoomi is the birthplace of Ram, the Court has to acknowledge it. It is beyond the ken of the Court to probe whether the belief is justified. Court cannot go by theology but only on evidence and balance of probabilities. There is historical evidence to prove the presence of worshippers at 'Ram Chabutra' and 'Sita Rasoi' and offering of prayers. This was a practice even before the British came. The adjudication of title is based on evidence and not travelogues, gazette entries," the Judges observed.

"The construction of the railings on the premises was ostensibly to maintain peace. But the fact that Hindus leaned over the railings to offer worship at the direction of the Mosque's central dome suggests their force of belief and faith that Ram was born there," the Bench said.

Pirates of the Lake

Next time you go out birding, watch for Pelicans, the pirates. They may not brandish knives, cutlasses, ropes or guzzle liquor. But they're out there, lounging in the leafy shade or plying the winds, just waiting to pounce on passing treasures. Piracy or 'kleptoparasitism' — to use the technical term — is quite common in the animal world. Pelicans are expert in stealing food from other birds. Moreover, they consider piracy their birthright.

This *Weekend Star Supplement* takes readers into the curious world of Pelicans — The Buccaneers.

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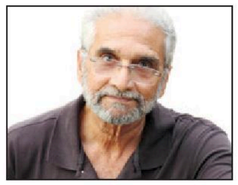
STEALING SEQUENCE: ***A Pelican towers over two Cormorants as they get ready to fetch fish from deep waters. The Pelican closely watches over a Cormorant as it dives and gets the fish. The pirate then chases the Cormorant and snatches its prized catch. With brute strength, the Buccaneer ambushes the Cormorant and snatches the fish as the other Cormorant squeals. After gulping the fish through its Gular Pouch, the Pelican swims away while the Cormorants lose their hard-earned meal.***

Buccaneering is birthright of Pelicans



By Ragoo Rao, Ethologist

Pirates, the very word brings shudders. Sea-faring merchants of the 16th and 17th Century, sailing the Caribbean Seas to sell their merchandise and bring back gold, feared neither storms nor typhoons as much as they feared the attacks of Pirates. Pirates were sea-farers, fearless buccaneers, sword and pistol-wielding and intercepting merchant ships to loot them ruthlessly not hesitating to annihilate them and plunder their merchandise and valuables.

Piracy, the act of stealing by force or deceit, whatever is legitimately held by someone else. It is a criminal act as far as humans are concerned but in the natural world, where 'Might is Still Right', it is legitimate and only a fight for survival. The act of piracy can best be seen in various species of animals but birds are more famous and notorious for this.

All seven Pelican species are pirates

There are quite a few species of birds specialising in piracy but Pelicans — all seven to eight species of them — habituating many parts of the world are born pirates. In India, we have three species of Pelicans. The Great White Pelican — Pelicanusonocratalus, Dalmatian Pelican — Pelicanuscrispus and the Spot-Billed Pelican — Pelicanus Philippinus.

In Mysuru we have the Spot-Billed Pelican habituating our city's Hebbal Lake, Lingambudhi Lake, Karanji Lake and Bogadi Lake. Pelicans are squat, heavy and ungainly birds with ridiculously short legs and webbed feet for a bird of that size. White coloured in adult plumage and greyish-brown in juvenile stage.

Gular Pouch is a wonder

The hallmark of a Pelican is the Gular Pouch - the loose baggy, un-feathered skin attached to its lower beak. This is the most interesting feature of the Pelican. The pouch can hold as much as 3-4 gallons of water. But the Gular Pouch is not a storage place for food comprising fish, crabs, molluscs, shrimps but more of a net to use as a scoop and hold the prey until the water is squeezed out and then swallowed.

Pelicans, the not-so-good looking squat birds, huge body, upsized beak and pouch, ridiculously small and stout legs, webbed feet and appearing the least aerodynamic-shaped creature, are in reality the most versatile of fliers.

It can take-off at the snap of a finger, flapping its huge wings spanning 2-3.5 meters depending on the age and species. The ungainly birds are marvellous fliers and are excellent in flight manoeuvres. They can land gracefully on a water body like an aircraft on a runway. After a take-off, a Pelican can gain high altitude within seconds and fly in the skies. Such is the power of flight and flight manoeuvrability endowed by nature to the Pelican.

Pelicans normally forage in pairs or singles, in shallow waters, using their huge beak and pouch like a fishing net, to scoop and collect fish and other aquatic life. Pelicans also exhibit an ability to plan a strategy along with their fellow Pelicans to hunt fish.

In the drier months when the water levels are shallow in lakes, the Pelicans form hunting groups to fetch fish. They form a circle of birds and start closing in on schools of fish, driving them to shallower shorelines and converging to a gorge.

Pelicans also reveal an uncouth behaviour of stealing and snatching the hard-earned legitimate food of other birds, snatching young hatchlings of other birds in the reed beds and mercilessly battering them to swallow as food, stealing eggs of other waterfowls and the likes. **A sick and disabled bird in the water is the official Pelican food. They are observed to occasionally catch and swallow whole live ducks and teals. Such is their opportunistic feeding behaviour.**

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Kleptoparasitic behaviour

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Pelicans consider piracy, their birth right. A plan is worked out by single birds to get a meal. Pelicans being master-schemers in such acts perch very close the Cormorants (a duck-sized black fish hunting bird) on a lake side perch, waiting for the Cormorants to begin the hunt.

The Cormorants get into the lakes and locate schools of fish and select a big fish for their meal. Once the prey is selected, the Cormorant dives underwater and catches the fish after a chase underwater. Cormorants, being masters in hunting fish underwater, are always successful.

This the Pelican knows and this is the moment it was waiting, perching close to a Cormorant. The Pelican now just waits for the Cormorant to come up with fish and then the Cormorant is chased and the fish is snatched mercilessly from the Cormorant's beak. The Cormorant, being no match for the brutal strength and skill of the pirate bird, is helpless and has no choice but to give up its hard-earned meal.

Mysuru is an ideal place for Spot-Billed Pelicans to nest and breed. Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is the main nesting site and Kukkarahalli Lake offers a congenial nesting island with good trees. These birds are very sociable and tolerate other nesting birds like Cormorants, Spoonbills, Painted Storks and Egrets.

This habit of nesting is known as **Colonial Nesting in ornithology.** While nesting and raising chicks, the Pelicans need a good foraging area to keep chicks well fed. The closely located lakes offer this requirement. Parents wean their fledglings in these lakes, teaching them an independent life of hunting and stealing.

Curious, genre-bending kind of acts: Experts

Many birds only dabble in piracy, but some like Pelicans are notorious for it. For scientists, kleptoparasitism or kleptoparasitic behaviour is a curious, genre-bending kind of behaviour. It's not foraging, it's not predation, and it's not even parasitism in the bloodsucking, leechlike way we typically think of it. When kleptoparasitism robs a "host" of its energy, they do it before the poor animal has even ingested it.

If kleptoparasitism or piracy seems like the ultimate free lunch, it makes scientists wonder why only certain birds have picked up the habit. Ducks, Gulls, Hawks, Pelicans, and Frigate Birds seem especially prone to stealing food, but the behaviour seems to be absent from some 180 other families, according to a report in 'Animal Behaviour'.

The 'Animal Behaviour' report found that brain size was a much better predictor of piracy than body size. Piracy, it seems, requires more brains than brawn.

Though the Spot-Billed Pelicans are infamous for their acts of ruthless piracy and chick stealing,

the sad part is that these birds are enlisted in the Red List of IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) as near-threatened species with a decreasing population. Habitat losses, pollution, degradation of nesting sites and excessive fishing have caused the population to decline.

Unless a serious clean-up act is initiated to restore our lakes and made bird-friendly, it won't be long before our loveable pirates of the lakes vanish forever. Once a species goes, there is no way to revive them.

PELICAN FACTS

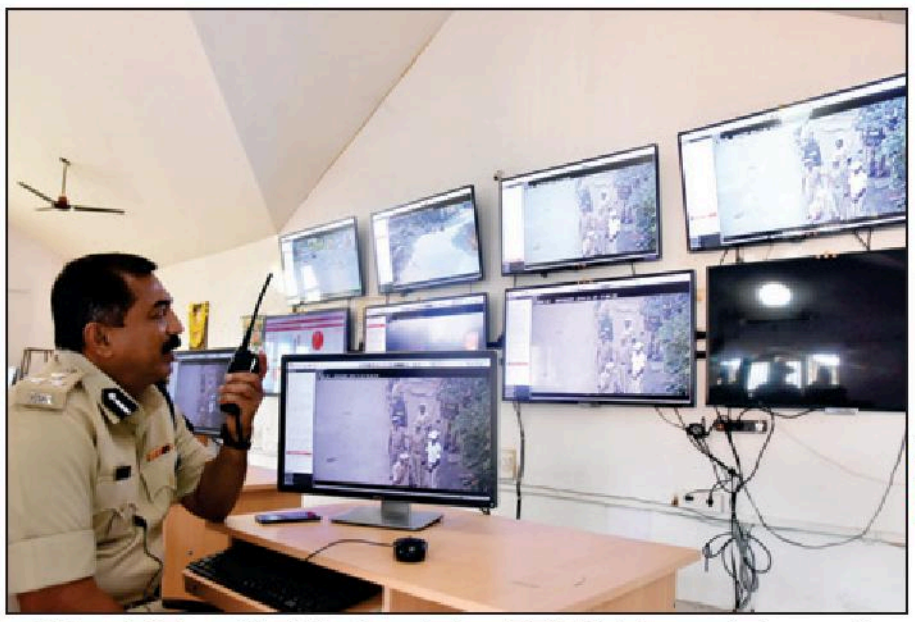
Spot-Billed Pelican — Pelicanus Philippensis is one of the most threatened of the seven species of Pelicans in the world. The total population is estimated to number 2,500 to 5,000 in South Asia, 3,000 to 5,000 in South-East Asia and 25 in Sumatra (Birdlife International 2001, Wetlands International 2002).

The subpopulation in Karnataka, formerly concentrated at the adjacent villages of Kokkare Bellur and Bannali in Mandya district, has now spread to form breeding colonies at Karanji Lake, Kukkarahalli and Lingambudhi Lake in Mysuru. It is difficult to estimate the size of this subpopulation but probable numbers are 350 to 450 birds.

Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid Case

City peaceful; Police to keep vigil till Monday

Prohibitory orders imposed; Holiday for Schools, Colleges; Liquor sale banned till tomorrow



Police personnel including Chamundi Commando Unit during a briefing in city this morning. Picture right shows City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna monitoring security arrangements from the Centralised Command Centre at his Office in Nazarbad.

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (RK&VNS)- Hours before the Five-Judge Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi delivered the verdict in the historic Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute this morning, the Mysuru City Police had beefed up security at all sensitive and hyper-sensitive areas across the city as a precautionary measure.

As part of security measures, the Police swung into action and took rowdy-sheeters listed in various Police Stations into preventive custody. Majority of the Police personnel including platoons of Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) and City Armed Reserve (CAR), Chamundi Commando Unit and Mounted Police, were deployed in areas coming under Udayagiri Police Station limits including Udayagiri, Shanthinagar, Ghousianagar, Gayathripuram, K.N. Pura and Beedi Colony.

Over 8-10 Police personnel wearing helmets and body-armour were seen deployed at Udayagiri Circle, Manasa School Circle, Kyathamaranahalli, Srikantaiah School, Basappaji Circle, KEB Junction, Suryanarayana Swamy Temple, Hill Top Park Circle, Triveni Circle and Akshaya Bhandar Circle. The Chamundi Command Unit personnel, armed with weapons, were seen travelling in the area.

Police were also in constant touch with the local MLAs, Corporators and leaders throughout the day. Security was also beefed up at N.R. Mohalla, Bharatnagar, Mandi Mohalla and Lashkar Mohalla which are considered to be sensitive areas. Security personnel were also deployed at various places of worship. The City Police had deployed extra personnel from Krishnaraja Sub-Division and Devaraja Sub-Division to Narasimharaja Sub Division.

Monitoring movements

The Police were also seen monitoring movement of citizens through CCTV cameras installed at various junctions at the Centralised Command Centre at City Police Commissioner's Office. In fact, City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna was personally seen monitoring the movements and giving instructions to his officers. The Mobile Command Centre was also stationed at K.R. Circle early this morning before it moved towards other areas.

Speaking to reporters, Balakrishna said that the city was peaceful and added that the deployment of Police personnel would continue till 6 am on Monday (Nov. 11). He also added that prohibitory orders under Section 144 had been imposed and no permission would be granted to take out processions.

"We have set-up 12 checkpoints at various parts to monitor vehicles entering the city. Police will be deployed round-the-clock at various locations. Apart from regular Police personnel, 7 platoons of KSRP and 250 home guards have been stationed," he said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, CAR DCP Chennaiah, Mounted Police Commandant Nagaraj, City Crime Branch ACP Mariyappa, Devaraja ACP S.G. Gajendra Prasad, and Mysore Palace Security ACP Chandrashekar were seen supervising security arrangements.

Schools closed

The Mysuru District Administration had declared a holiday to schools and colleges across the district. Apart from imposing Section 144, processions and bursting of crackers was banned. Restriction on sale of liquor has also been imposed till tomorrow. The administration has warned strict action against those persons spreading provocative messages on social media.

Tourism affected

It was not the usual weekend in Mysuru which is normally flooded with tourists. A few tourists, especially college students, who had come on educational tours, preferred to stay indoors in their respective hotels. Fewer crowds were witnessed at Mysuru Zoo, Mysore Palace, Chamundi Hill and other tourist locations.

'Bhoomi Puja' for Stadium at Balugodu in Kodagu

Virajpet, Nov.9 (US) - 'Bhoomi Puja' was performed at Balugodu Hockey Grounds in Virajpet yesterday under the aegis of Federation of Kodava Samajas for the construction of the most-desired stadium at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 crore.

Launching the work, Federation President K. Vishnu Cariappa said that the previous Government had sanctioned Rs. 5 crore for the construction of the stadium which is likely to be completed by March end next. He sought full co-operation from members and office-bearers of the Federation and the people for coming out with a full-fledged stadium.

The monthly meeting of the Federation was also held at its premises in Balugodu. A decision was taken to increase membership for the Federation. Vice-President M.T. Nanaiah, Joint Secretary K.S. Uthappa, Secretary V.S. Poovaiah, former President M.D. Belliappa and others were present.

Pages from History

By Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy
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Musings on Madurai Meenakshi Temple

About fifteen years ago, I was invited to attend a national seminar and present a paper. As Madurai was far away and involved long distance travel, I was reluctant to go to Madurai. However, as I had not seen the famous Meenakshi temple, I went to Madurai.

Having gone there it was very difficult for me to reach my lodge because all the roads were full of cars, lorries and city buses. I asked a person as to the cause of this rush and that person replied that Dr. Subramanian Swamy, a Member of the Parliament was addressing an election meeting in chaste Tamil. Though I could not understand his Tamil speech fully, I appreciated the applause of loud cheers and felt that Swamy was a great orator.

I left the election meeting and went to Meenakshi temple. The temple was practically empty and the priests were not there. Obviously, they had gone to hear the speech of Dr. Swamy. I waited for about an hour or more and the priests returned to the temple. They were amazed that I had not gone to hear the speech. They practically looked at me with contempt. But I was helpless.

Then I went into the Meenakshi and her consort Sundareshwar temple; the priest performed puja and I took the prasadam.

There was a guide and I hired him to take me round Meenakshi temple. He explained that Madurai is in Tamil Nadu and situated on the right bank of River Vaigai. He said that this temple has ten tall temple towers (gopuras) and among them the tallest is about 46 meters. One of the attractions of this temple is a hundred-pillared enclosure (mantapa). It was built by the first king Viswanatha Nayaka of the Nayaka dynasty. This temple is built in Dravidian style and famous for huge sculptures and minute carvings.

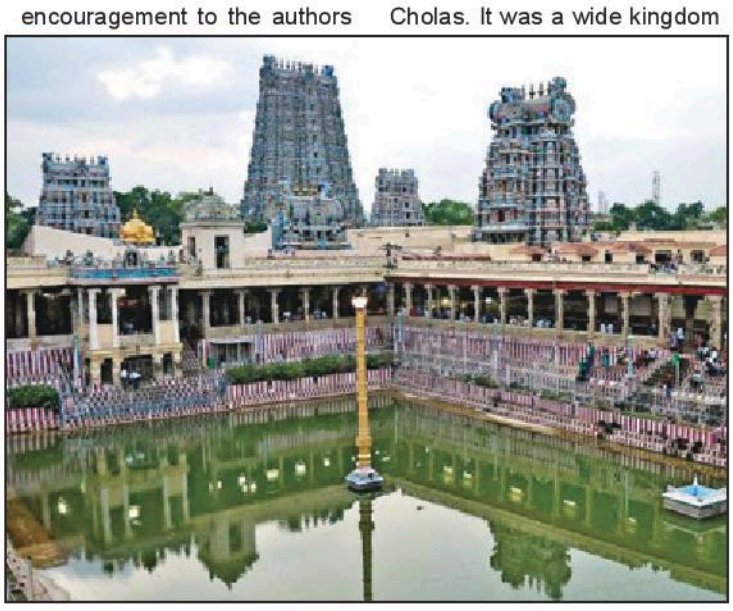
In addition to this temple, there is a Palace built by king Thirumala Nayaka in 1863. There is a tank (teppakolam) where during the nights, the processional images of Meenakshi and Sundareshwar are taken round in the tank. Devotees throng this place to see this Teppotsava.

Though this place became famous because of Meenakshi temple, it has a hoary antiquity. Its antiquity can be taken back to the Sangam period which may be dated to the early centuries of the Christian era. It was the capital of the early Pandyas in 150 AD. Many great kings like Nedunjalian and others ruled from this city. Thus it was a rich city with rich merchants.

Madurai was also a great centre of education consisting of Mutts, Agraharas (where well-educated Brahmanas lived), Ghatikasthanas (Centres of higher learning like our modern day colleges etc). As was the practice in those days, these educational institutions were patronised by kings, queens and rich merchants. There was a Tamil Academy at Madurai to which people from far and wide came and participated in the traditional discussions. This gave encouragement to the authors to compose works like *Shilappadikaram*, *Manimekhalai* etc, which were written in classical Tamil.

Of these *Shilappadikaram* is very famous. It is a Mahakavya. This work *Shilappadikaram* describes in graphic terms the story of Kovalam and Kannagi. Kovalam stole the Kankana (bangle) belonging to the Pandyan queen. On this ground the king ordered that he be beheaded. Though Kannagi proved the innocence of her husband Kovalam, he was beheaded. Later, the Pandyan king also committed suicide because he had killed an innocent person, Kovalam. Then Kannagi cursed that Madurai city be burnt. To commemorate this great tragedy and the innocence of Kovalam, a beach was named after him.

With all these tragedies, Madurai city continued as the capital of the Pandyas. The Pandyan kings ruled at Madurai from 6th to 9th Centuries AD. However, Chola king Parantaka invaded Madurai and it came under the Cholas. It was a wide kingdom during that period.



Due to the invasion of Malik Kafur in 1310 AD, it was partially destroyed. Muhammad Tughlaq destroyed it again during the period 1335 - 71 AD. Madurai Sultans ruled over Madurai. In 1370-71AD, Commander-in-Chief of Vijayanagara namely Kampanarayana defeated Madurai Sultans and established the Vijayanagara hegemony. They appointed their subordinates as rulers of Madurai. Among them most distinguished was Thirumala Nayaka who ruled during 17th century AD. Then it came under the control of the Marathas. In 1801 AD, it came under the British.

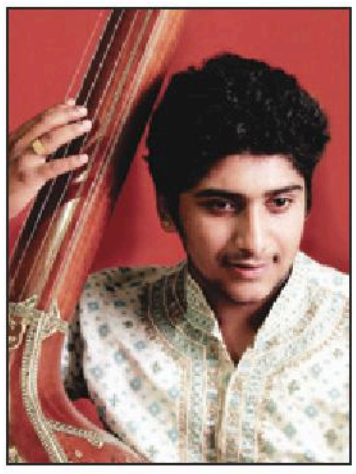
In spite of all these invasions, Madurai had a peaceful time and Jains built many Basadis. Jain monks were living here peacefully. There are many caves here where there are inscriptions along with Jain sculptural panels. All these happened in about 8th century AD.

Basically, Madurai city is famous for many ancient temples. The most famous of them is the Meenakshi -Sundareshwar temple. In fact, Madurai has become a temple city. It has many prakaras and it has become a temple-complex. Saints like Sanbandar (7th Century AD) and Sundarar (8th Century AD) have composed poems in praise of Meenakshi and Sundareshwar.

The four gopuras are very famous and are in South Indian style. There are many stucco panels depicting the various stories of Shiva. The thousand pillared mantapa has hundreds of beautiful sculptures. Alagar temple is dedicated to God Vishnu. This reflects the harmony of Shaiva and Vaishnava faiths. There is also a Palace built by queen Mangamma. And it now houses relics connected with Mahatma Gandhi.

Thus Madurai has become a holy place for the devotees. With all these developments and problems, Meenakshi-Sundareshwar are blessing the devouts. Let us invoke their blessings for ourselves and for the society.

Moonlight Music on Nov.12



Mysuru, Nov.9 - The 218th Monthly Moonlight Music programme of Suttur Mutt will take place at the Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city at 6pm on Nov.12.

Pandit Siddarth Belamannu will present the music concert. A talented young artiste, he learnt his early music lessons from his parents and later Hindustani Music from V.R. Manjunath.

He has performed in many musical concerts both in the country and abroad and has joined Grammy Awardee singer Ricky Kage in several environmental awareness programmes.

Siddarth will be accompanied by **Pandit Deepak Nagannavar** of Dharwad on harmonium and **Pandit Roopak Kallurkar** on the tabla.

Financial aid for weavers

Mysuru, Nov.9 - The Department of Handlooms and Textiles, in association with Rajiv Gandhi Rural Housing Corporation, has invited applications from shelterless weavers employed in the unorganised sector, for availing financial assistance for construction of homes and manufacturing facility.

Weavers employed in the handloom industry and own residential sites, can avail financial assistance from Rajiv Gandhi Rural Housing Corporation for construction of houses.

The beneficiaries will be released grants based on GPS enabled progress reports. Shelterless weavers who own sites can avail this benefit, according to a press release issued by the Deputy Director of Handlooms and Textiles Department.

Navodaya School entrance test

Mysuru, Nov.9- The Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya will be conducting an entrance test for admission to vacant seats in Ninth standard (2020-21), on Feb.8, 2020. Interested eligible students can apply online *www.navodaya.gov.in* or *nvsadmissionine.in,* before Dec.10, according to a press release.

Rangayana Touring Unit to stage Girish Karnad's

'Bendakalu on Toast' this evening

Mysuru, Nov. 9 (MTY&VNS)- Rangayana Touring Unit, comprising junior artistes, will be staging the play *'Bendakalu on Toast'* authored by Girish Karnad at Bhoomigeeta in Rangayana today (Nov.9) at 6.30 pm. The play is directed by Rangayana former Director Chidambara Rao Jambe, said Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjuna Swamy.

Addressing the press persons at Rangayana yesterday, he said that the Touring Unit will also visit various places across the State from Nov. 18 and stage the plays *'Arcadiadalli Puck'* directed by Chandradasan of Kerala and *'Rex Hours Dyno Ekangi Payana'* directed by Shravan Heggodu along with *'Bendakalu on Toast'*. Chidambara Rao Jambe also released the poster of *'Bendakalu on Toast'* on the occasion. Theatre Director Shravan Heggodu and Rangashikshana Kendra Principal Prakash Garuda were present during the press meet.

Rangayana Touring Unit Schedule is as follows

Raghava Kalamandira, Ballari: Nov.18 - Arcadiadalli Puck, Nov.19-Bendakalu on Toast, Nov.20 - Rex Hours Dyno Ekangi Payana.

District Rangamandira, Raichur: Nov.22 - Arcadiadalli Puck, Nov.23 - Bendakalu on Toast, Nov.24 - Rex Hours Dyno Ekangi Payana.

District Rangamandira, Bidar: Nov.26 - Arcadiadalli Puck, Nov.27 - Bendakalu on Toast, Nov.28 - Rex Hours Dyno Ekangi Payana.

District Rangamandira, Kalaburagi: Nov.30 - Arcadiadalli Puck, Dec.1 - Bendakalu on Toast, Dec.2 - Rex Hours Dyno Ekangi Payana.

District Rangamandira, Vijayapura: Dec.3 - Arcadiadalli Puck, Dec.4 - Bendakalu on Toast, Dec.5 - Rex Hours Dyno Ekangi Payana.

Vijaya Mahantesh Anubhava Mantapa, Ilkal, Bagalakote: Dec.7 - Arcadiadalli Puck, Dec.8 - Bendakalu on Toast, Dec.9 - Rex Hours Dyno Ekangi Payana.

Harapanahalli, Ballari: Dec.11 - Rex Hours Dyno Ekangi Payana, Dec.11 - Arcadiadalli Puck, Dec.12- Bendakalu on Toast.

Hagaribommanahalli, Ballari: Dec.13 - Arcadiadalli Puck, Dec.14 - Bendakalu on Toast, Dec.15 - Rex Hours Dyno Ekangi Payana.

Rangabharati Rangamandira, Hoovinahadagali, Ballari: Dec.16 - Arcadiadalli Puck, Dec.17 - Bendakalu on Toast, Dec.18 - Rex Hours Dyno Ekangi Payana.

Rangabharati Basavaraj Rajaguru Open Air Theatre, Dharwad: Dec.19 - Arcadiadalli Puck, Dec.20 - Bendakalu on Toast, Dec.21 - Rex Hours Dyno Ekangi Payana.

Chindodi Leela Rangamandira, Belagavi: Dec.22 - Arcadiadalli Puck, Dec.23 - Bendakalu on Toast, Dec.24 - Rex Hours Dyno Ekangi Payana.

Submit Aadhaar Consent Form

Mysuru, Nov.9- Those students belonging to backward classes as well as nomadic and semi-nomadic tribal community who have submitted applications online to avail post-metric, nursing student scholarship, Vidyasiri food and accommodation and fee exemption are requested to submit duly filled Aadhaar consent form, according to Directorate of Tribal Welfare Department.

Students belonging to backward classes Category-1, 2a, 3a and 3b are requested to submit duly filled Aadhaar consent form to officers appointed by Directorate of Tribal Welfare Department at corresponding colleges before Nov.13. **Only those bank account numbers, which are uploaded online for scholarship should be linked to Aadhaar number before Nov.10.**

For details, contact Mysuru District Backward Classes Welfare Department, Ph: 0821-2342917 or the office of the Backward Classes Extension Officer at their respective taluks on phone — Mysuru 0821-2445447 or 90350-42008; H.D. Kote 08228-255156 or 94818-14209; Hunsur 08222-250044 or 95915-91419; K.R. Nagar 08223-262230 or 98449-73196; Nanjangud 08221-224430 or 97417-85483; Periyapatna 08223-274443 or 87624-76790; T. Narasipur 08227-260040 or 94490-09398.

Brahmotsava

at Amrutheshwara Temple

Mysuru, Nov.9 (US)- The 24th Brahmotsava of Sri Satyanarayanaswami has been organised at Sri Amrutheshwara Temple in Devaraja Mohalla here from tomorrow.

Nov.10: Lakshmi Kalyanotsava at 9 am.

Nov.11: Lakshmi Hayagriva Homa, Sudarshana Homa and Shani Mahashanti, begins at 9 am.

Nov.12: Dashavathara Kalashabhisheka, Lakshmi Rangapuja and Mahamangalarathi, at 9 am. Felicitation programme will be held at 12 noon.

For details, contact Mob: 99808-33903 or 98451-83392.

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Challenger Trophy

Mandya's Kruthik Krishna in India 'B' U-19 team

Bengaluru, Nov.9- Mysuru Zone's Kruthik Krishna, hailing from Mandya, has been selected to represent India 'B' in the upcoming U-19 Challenger Trophy to be played in Hyderabad from Nov.11 onwards.

Kruthik Krishna is a wicket-keeper and left-hand batsman. Karnataka's Shubhang Hegde will lead India 'C' team in the tournament. Vidyadhar Patil is the other player from Karnataka selected for India 'C' team in the Tournament.

KSCA Mysuru Zone U-14 Tournament for Clubs

Deadly spell by Gaganpreeth

Mysuru, Nov.9- A deadly spell of medium-pace bowling by Gaganpreeth (7 for 21), enabled Sunny Side CC to register a big 257-run win over Kollegal CC in the KSCA Mysuru Zone Inter-Club Tournament for U-14 Boys played at Maharaja's College Grounds here recently.

SCORES

Sunny Side CC: 292 in 48.5 overs (Pushyanth 50, Naman 40, H. Amogh 39, Javeed 28, Dhanush 27, Gaganpreeth 26, Navneeth 20, Samrudh 4/29, Nishanth 3/25) bt **Kollegal CC:** 36 in 16.5 overs (Gaganpreeth 7/21, Ayush 3/15).

MUCSC: 199/9 in 50 overs (Charan 61, Ayan Ali 30, Shrujan 4/40, Sachin Gowda 22, Pradhyumna 2/43) bt **Agraharam CC:** 103 in 42.5 overs (Adithya 47, Manoj 32, Sachin Gowda 3/26, G. Shreyas 2/27, Sukh Dev 2/16).

Mysore City Gymkhana: 180 in 48.2 overs (M. Pratham 34, T. Rahul Sagar 34, K. Yehwanth 33, Vishvesh 4/23, N. Kishan 3/21) bt **FUCC:** 163 in 48.1 overs (Tanish 37, Aarav 4/24).

Navodaya CC: 192/7 in 50 overs (S.V. Uttam 43, D. Likith 39, Kannan 34, Dileep 3/29) bt **Navajyothi CC:** 82 in 31.2 overs (S.Y. Lochan 3/27, S.Y. Uttam 3/15, D. Likith 2/16).

Karavali Cricketers: 158 in 41.4 overs (Yash Raghavendra 25, S. Rishab 2/30, Etash G. Pathange 2/27) bt **The Mysore Gymkhana:** 119 in 39.2 overs (Sushanth N. Rao 32 n.o., P. Dakshath 3/16, S.S. Ishan Bhat 2/14).

KSCA Group I, Division I, II, III U-14 Tourney

Facile win for Vultures CC

Bengaluru, Nov. 9- Good performances by K.P. Karthikeya (61), Mysuru lad R. Raaj (34 n.o.) and N. Samarth (30) enabled Vultures CC to register a facile 53-run win over Bangalore Sports Club in the KSCA Group I, Division I, II, III U-14 Inter-Club Tournament played at Bengaluru recently.

SCORES

Vultures CC: 239 for 9 in 50 overs (K.P. Karthikeya 62, R. Raaj 34 n.o., N. Samarth 30, Syed Ashaz 33, B. Srikanth 3/38) bt **Bangalore Sports Club:** 186/7 in 50 overs (Dheeraj J. Gowda 66, N. Samarth 2/33, K.P. Karthikeya 3/34).

Association Cup Basketball

DYES Mysuru loses in quarter-finals

Bengaluru, Nov.9- DYES-Mysuru's hoopsters went down 39-51 to DYES - Vidyanagar in the women's quarter-final match in the women's section in the State Association Cup Basketball Tournament played at Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru on Friday.

RESULTS

Women — Quarter-finals: DYES - Vidyanagar 51 (Bhoomika 20) bt DYES - Mysuru 39 (Sahana 18); South Western Railway - Mysuru 44 (Vinaya 10) bt Young Orions 22 (Ashwini 8).

ITF Men's Tennis Tourney at Maputo

Prajwal, Rishi Reddy duo goes down in semi-finals

Maputo, Nov.9- Mysuru lad S.D. Prajwal Dev, teaming up with India's Rishi Reddy and taking part in the $15,000 ITF Men's Tennis Tournament at Maputo, Mozambique, lost in the Men's Doubles Semi-finals on Friday.

Zimbabwe's Benjamin Lock & John Lock combined well to beat Prajwal Dev and Rishi Reddy 6-4, 7-6 (5) to enter the final in the Men's Doubles event.

Qualified for Nationals

Mysuru, Nov.9- M.A. Laksh Chengappa of Marimallappa English Medium School won the State-level Shuttle Badminton Tournament held at Udupi and qualified for Nationals.

He is the son of M.B. Aiyappa and Prarthana Uthappa.

Winners in State-level Throwball

The U-14 boys Throwball team of Citizen Convent, Udayagiri, Mysuru, emerged winners in the Division and State-level Throwball Tournament which was conducted by the Department of Public Instruction at SVGHS School, Kothathi, Mandya and two players — Mohammed Zein and Arfath Pasha – qualified for National-level Throwball Tournament to be held in New Delhi. The winning students — Arfath Pasha, Mohammed Zein, Mohammed Ifzan, Syed Arfath, Rayan Pasha, Reehan Pasha and Ismail Ahmed — are seen with Founder Secretary/ Head Mistress Maha Jabeen and Physical Education Teachers Nagendra Prasad and Fazal Ansari and Team Managers Ayesha Jabeen and Abdul Muheeb.

Runners-Up in Softball Championship

*The ATME women's team defeated NIE, Mysuru and emerged Runners-Up in the VTU Single Zone Inter-Collegiate Softball Championship 2019-20 organised by DBIT, Bengaluru at its College campus recently. The winning team — (standing) **Preethi, Varsha, Sangeetha, Sindhu, Pallavi, Carrol, Tejaswini, Navya and Reethu,** (sitting) **Lavanya, Rachana (Captain), Monika and Hithashree — is seen with ATME Principal Dr. L. Basavaraj, Physical Education Director M.P. Muralidhar and Team Manager Ravi.***

SKAL International Mysuru Chapter installed

***Seen are** (standing on dais - from left) **Department of Tourism Deputy Director H.P. Janardhan, C.A. Jayakumar, Unnikrishnan, Satish, SKAL International Mysuru Chapter President Suresh Charles, Vineet Chopra, SKAL International Mysuru Chapter Vice-President B.S. Prashanth, Mysuru Airport Director M. Manjunath, J.P. Urs, Mysuru Travels Association President Shivalingu and Chandrashekar; (front row) Aniketan, Shanthakumar, Udaykumar, Sunaina Manerker, Kanthi Aneesh, SKAL International Mysuru Chapter Treasurer Thomas Paul, Devinder Walia and Ramesh Bopaiah.*

Mysuru, Nov.9 (SPN&VNS)- The Charter Night of newly formed Mysuru Chapter of SKAL International was held at Hotel Grand Mercure here yesterday.

Suresh Charles was appointed as the President, B.S. Prashanth as Vice-President, Sunaina Manerker as Secretary and Thomas Paul as Treasurer.

Charter Document was handed over by Vijay Mohan Raj, Director, SKAL International.

Sanjay Datta, President, SKAL Asia and Ranjini Nambiar, President, SKAL International India, presented the Presidential Chain and administered the oath to the newly elected President Suresh Charles.

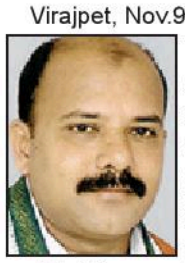
SKAL International approximately has 14,532 members in 357 Clubs across 85 nations.

SKAL International India currently has 14 SKAL International Clubs located in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune, Goa, Trivandrum, Cochin, Srinagar, Mumbai South, Coimbatore and Mysuru.

SKAL International Mysuru was formed with 22 members consisting of hoteliers, airlines, travel and tour operator, Hotel Management Institutions and Government agencies from Mysuru and surrounding areas of Coorg, Bandipur and Kabini.

Former Kodagu ZP Vice-President murder case

Three of the four convicted sentenced to life



Iqbal Hasan

Virajpet, Nov.9 (Manju&ACP)- The Second Additional District and Sessions Court here has sentenced three persons to life imprisonment, while another convict was awarded a three year jail term, for the sensational murder of former Kodagu ZP Vice-President and Congress leader Iqbal Hasan in Virajpet town in 2014.

U. Anish, 29, A. Moosa, 46 and M. Nazir of Chamiyala village near Virajpet are the ones who are sentenced to life, while another convict Usman was handed a three year jail term. The Court discharged Azmuddin, the fifth accused in the case, for want of evidence. Iqbal Hasan was shot dead in broad daylight when he was having lunch at a Virajpet hotel on Sept.17, 2014.

Details: Iqbal Hasan, a Congress leader and a former Kodagu ZP Vice-President and his group was in dispute with another group led by one Moosa, over the management of the Masjid at Chamiyala village. The two groups used to clash frequently following which the Virajpet Police had summoned both the groups to the Police Station on Sept.16, 2014 and warned them against indulging in clashes.

But just a day after, that is on Sept.17, 2014, Iqbal Hasan was having lunch at Hotel Sangam in the heart of Virajpet town at about 2 pm, when a group of miscreants who came in a Maruti Alto car, shot him dead by firing three rounds at him.

The fired bullets also hit one Chandrashekar, a resident of Shivakeri, who too was having lunch sitting close to Iqbal, injuring him on his legs. Chandrashekar was treated at the Madikeri District Hospital and discharged after some days.

Soon after the murder, tension prevailed in the district, with the Police appealing the people to maintain peace. The then IGP Southern Range B.K. Singh and the then Kodagu SP Vartika Katiyar and other top Police officials visited the town and appealed for peace.

Virajpet Police, who registered a case, began investigation and a Police team led by the then PSI Suresh Bopanna, succeeded in nabbing the suspects Anish, Moosa, Nazir and Azmuddin within two days of the murder and arrested another suspect Usman, a few days later.

After completion of the investigation, the then Virajpet Circle Inspector K.R. Prasad submitted charge-sheet to the Court.

The Second Additional District and Sessions Court Judge Roopa, who heard the case, convicted Anish, Moosa, Nazir and Usman for the murder and discharged the fifth accused Azmuddin, for want of evidence.

While the first three accused Anish, Moosa and Nazir were awarded life sentence, the fourth accused Usman was awarded a three year jail term.

The Judge also ordered the convicts to totally pay a sum of Rs.1.65 lakh to the wife of the deceased Iqbal Hasan as penalty.

Public Prosecutor Narayana argued on behalf of the prosecution.

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

Institutional award to Bidaram Krishnappa Rama Mandira

Mysuru, Nov.9- City's *Gana Visharada* Bidaram Krishnappa's Rama Mandira, located on Narayan Shastry Road, Devaraj Mohalla, has bagged the Academy of Music Chowdiah Memorial Institution Music Award, which comprises Rs.50,000 cash prize and a memento.

The award will be conferred during K.K. Murthy Memorial Music Festival to be held at Bengaluru on Nov.10, according to a press release.

Jaggi Vasudev's father passes away

Mysuru, Nov.9- Dr. B.V. Vasudev (95), father of renowned spiritual guru Jaggi Vasudev (Founder, Isha Foundation), passed away at his residence located on second main road, V.V. Mohalla here last night, due to age-related illness.

He was admitted in a city hospital last week and was discharged a couple of days ago.

Dr. Vasudev was a doctor by profession and had retired from Government service as the Divisional Medical Officer (DMO) at Mysuru Railway Hospital over three decades ago.

Born in 1924 at Bengaluru, he had settled down in Mysuru decades ago. He leaves behind four children, including two daughters — Shaswathaprana, currently serving at Sharada Peetham in Kerala and Pushpalatha Vasudev and sons Ravindra, a Pharmacist and spiritual guru Jaggi Vasudev, the youngest and four grand children. Dr. Vasudev's wife Susheelamma had predeceased him in the nineties.

Dr. B.V. Vasudev

His last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this afternoon in the presence of a number of dignitaries.

Jaggi Vasudev could not attend the last rites as he away in the USA, it is learnt.

Obituary

M. Sundar

Mysuru, Nov.9- M. Sundar (76), retd. Section Officer, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), passed away this afternoon at his residence in KHB Colony, Hootagalli.

He leaves behind his wife M. Jayamma, three sons S. Shankar (BJP leader, T. Narasipur), S. Arun Kumar (advocate) and S. Mahesh, daughter S. Roopa and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be performed tomorrow at KHB Crematorium in Hootagalli at 3 pm.

M. Sarvamangala

M. Sarvamangala (63), wife of retd. Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. M. Parashivamurthy and a resident of Saraswathipuram here, passed away yesterday following heart attack.

She leaves behind her husband, children Nayana and Naveena and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Kuvempunagar this morning.

WORD OF THE DAY

Sobriquet

Pronunciation: SOH-brih-kay.
Meaning: A descriptive name or epithet : nickname.
Origin: This synonym of nickname has the same meaning in modern French as it does in English. In Middle French, however, its earlier incarnation soubriquet referred to both a nickname and a tap under the chin. Centuries later, the connection between these two meanings isn't clear, but what is clear is that the "nickname" meaning of sobriquet was well established in French by the time English speakers borrowed the term in the 17th century—and was the only meaning that was adopted. In current English, the spelling sobriquet is most common, but soubriquet is also an accepted variant.
Example: "As a member of Congress, he voted against so many bills that he earned the 'Dr. No' sobriquet...." — Ben Terris.

THE ODD WORD

Sagene

Fishing-net; network.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The salt of the earth

Meaning: People who are described as 'the salt of the earth' are those who are considered to be of great worth and reliability.
Origin: The phrase 'the salt of the earth' derives from the Bible, Matthew 5:13 (King James Version):
Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. The positivity towards salt in this phrase conflicts with many other uses of the word salt, which has also been used express negative concepts; for example, in the Middle Ages, salt was spread on land to poison it, as a punishment to landowners who had transgressed against society in some way.
It seems that the 'excellent' meaning in 'the salt of the earth' was coined in reference to the value of salt. This is reflected in other old phrases too, for example, the aristocratic and powerful of the earth were 'above the salt' and valued workers were 'worth their salt'.
'The salt of the earth' was first published in English in Chaucer's Summoner's Tale, circa 1386, although Chaucer undoubtedly took his lead from Latin versions of the Bible: Ye been the salt of the erthe and the savour.

QUOTE BOX

Salt is what makes things taste bad when it isn't in them.—**Anonymous**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the picture rebus:

Answer: Middle C.

SUDOKU

	5				3			
1			6	7			4	
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9		7	5			6		
	3			4	9			5
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Answer to previous puzzle

5	3	9	2	4	7	6	1	8
7	1	8	3	5	6	4	9	2
6	4	2	1	8	9	7	5	3
3	7	5	9	1	2	8	6	4
4	8	1	7	6	5	2	3	9
2	9	6	8	3	4	1	7	5
8	2	3	5	7	1	9	4	6
9	6	7	4	2	3	5	8	1
1	5	4	6	9	8	3	2	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Golf item
4 Little devil
7 Pak. Intl. Airlines
10 Obeisance or curtsy
11 Salvador ____ : famous Spanish painter?
13 Sore on foot or toe
14 Became more intense
16 Do ___ with : get rid of?
17 Dealt with, controlled
19 Looted or plundered, ravished
21 Viper of Cleopatra fame
24 ___ revues : appreciation from the critics?
25 Things fit to eat
27 Blocks up or obstructs
29 ___ off : reprimands or scolds?
30 Water nymph
33 Bring to a stop
34 Peer or be nosey
35 Brass instruments
38 They make up the crew of a ship?
39 __ __ uncertain terms : quite emphatically? (2,2)
42 Examination
46 Red vegetable
47 Take notice of
48 Record company ___ Victor
49 Medium Earth Orbit, abbr.
50 "Set" anagram twice repeated for a poisonous fly
51 Caribou cousin

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

S	I	C			S	O	S		S	P	O	T
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L	O	U	T	S		D	R	A	G			
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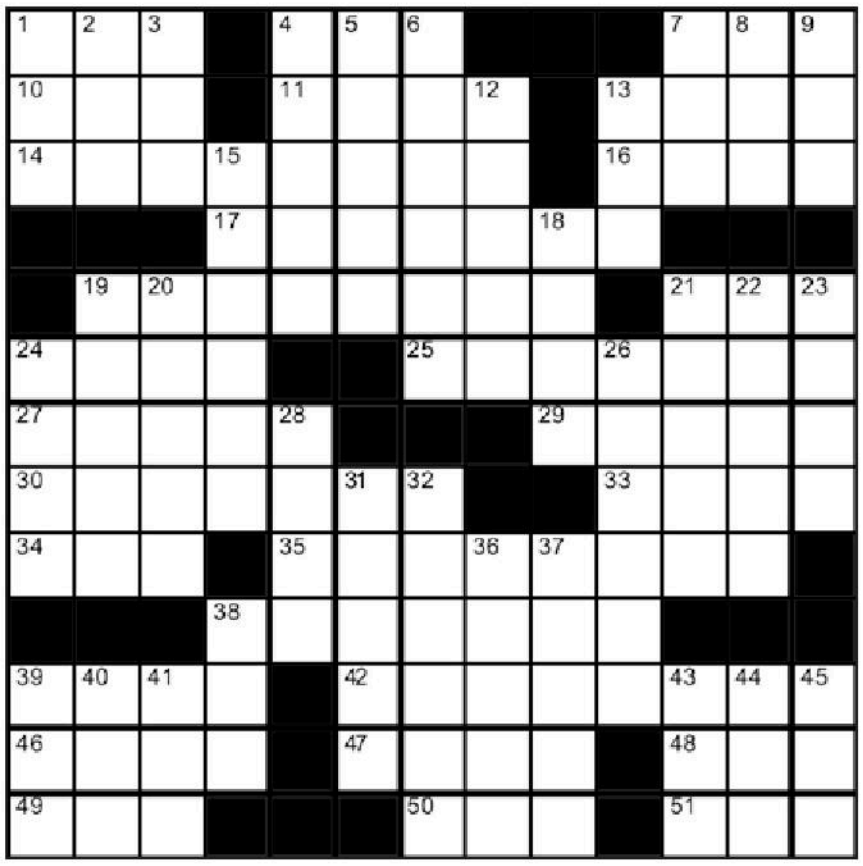
A	P	A	E		I	L	A			L	O	T
M	E	N	D		T	E	A			S	S	C

DOWN
1 To Be Determined
2 Equal opportunity employer abbr
3 Female sheep
4 Perfect in every way
5 Heavenly food
6 Solemn promise
7 Captive soldier, in short
8 Lyricist Gershwin
9 One, no matter which
12 Sat back and did nothing
13 Scoundrel
15 Sputum
18 Prepare for press
19 Even more faintly coloured
20 Elephant tusk
21 __ __ once : suddenly? (3,2)
22 Retails or vends
23 Attention-getter
24 Royal Can. Mount. Police
26 Authoritative command
28 Hard drive interface
31 Of Celtic descent?
32 Melodious
36 Customs
37 A woman who affects great modesty
38 Drunkard
39 The Big Blue
40 Maiden name prefix
41 Modern prefix
43 Poetic anger
44 Natl. Chem. Lab
45 Tibetan ox?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NGRFX UHHUBMROZMS LNFOQ NJNBSUON VZXX DFJN

F IFZB TDFOTN FM CNZOA ZOTULHNMNOM.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Forgiveness is almost a selfish act because of its immense benefits to the one who forgives.

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Girmit	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
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Kiss	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
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	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
HINDI			
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Kaithi	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Bigil	Lakshmi	2443584	3 Shows
.....	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
.....	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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Girmit (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Kaithi (Ta)	(S-1)	3.45 pm
Bigil (Ta)	(S-1)	6.30 pm
	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Doctor Sleep (E)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Aa Drishya (K)	(S-2)	11 am, 7.25 pm
Terminator: Dark Fate (E)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
War (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
41 (Ma)	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Last Christmas (E)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 7.30 pm
Houseful 4 (H)	(S-3)	4.25 pm
Black and Blue (E)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Bala (H)	(S-4)	11 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm 7.10 pm, 9.55 pm

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	(S-2)	3.10 pm, 8.35 pm
Aa Drishya (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am, 12.40 pm, 6.05 pm
Bigil (Ta)	(S-3)	6.05 pm
Housefull 4 (H)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Black & Blue (E)	(S-3)	10.00 am
Satellite Shankar (H)	(S-3)	12.20 pm
Bypass Road (H)	(S-3)	3.10 pm
Rana Bhoomi (K)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Kapata Nataka Patradari (K)	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Girmit (K)	(S-4)	7.00 pm
41 (Ma)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Thipparaa Meesam (Te)	(S-4)	9.35 pm

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Girmit (K)	3.25 pm
Last Christmas (E)	4.20 pm, 9.50 pm
Bypass Road (H)	4.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Bigil (Ta)	6.05 pm
Housefull 4 (H)	6.40 pm
Moothon (Ma)	9.45 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV.9)

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Dr. K.S. Gowdaiah Prathishtana: 'Sangeeta Rathna Piteelu Chowdaiah — Ondu Nenapu', MP Sumalatha Ambarish inaugurates, MLA L. Nagendra chief guest, Information and Broadcasting Deputy Director Dr. T.C. Poornima delivers lecture, District Sahitya Bhavana premises, Vijayanagar First Stage, **4.30 pm.**

Himalaya Foundation: Centenary Celebrations and Kannada Rajyotsava, Conferring of 9th annual 'Acharya Sri Vidyaranya Rajyotsava Award' on achievers — Dr. Brahmateja Venkataramaiah, Dr. Meera Kumar, Dr. V. Srikantaswamy Dixit, Dr. S. Nagendra Joise, Dr. Vasudeva Agnihotri, N. Mohan Shetty, Dr. Suthram Kiran Kumar Shastry, N. Sridhar Dixit and S. Prabhushankar, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar inaugurates, Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji graces the occasion, social worker K. Raghuram offers floral tributes to the portrait of Vidyaranya, Zilla Brahmana Sangha Mysuru President D.T. Prakash presides, poetess Latha Rajashekar and cultural thinker Dr. Gururaja Poshettihalli chief guests, Rotary Hall, JLB Road, **5 pm.**

Navodaya Foundation and Pramati Hillview Academy — Navo-Pramati, **School of Civil Services, Mysuru:** Inauguration of 8-month free training camp for UPSC exams, Minister of Primary & Secondary Education S. Suresh Kumar inaugurates, Bengaluru Rural SP Ravi D. Channannavar, KGF SP Sujitha Mohammed, retd. Additional Secretary to Government of India C.V. Gopinath and Mysore University Registrar Dr. R. Shivappa chief guests, Pramati Hillview Academy Secretary H.V. Rajeev presides, Pramati Hillview Academy Treasurer S. Phaniraj and IRS officers Manjunath and Koushik special invitees, Academy premises, Udayaravi Road, Kuvempunagar, **5 pm.**

Nruthya Vidya Peeta - Academy of Classical Dance and Indian Arts: Dashamanothsava celebrations, S.V. Baby, ASI/ Mahila, CRPF, 99 Battalion RAF, Hyderabad, Paramilitary Force; B. Rahamath Bee, HC/GD, 105 Battalion, Coimbatore, Paramilitary Force and Vijaya Anand Reddy, (Retd.) CT/GD, Paramilitary Force guests of honour, S.N. Usha presides, **5.30 pm;** Narthana Vrukshavali - 2019 (Dance Choreography and Direction by Vidu. C.N. Anitha) — Bharatanatyam recital by Brunda Nanjundaswamy, M.S. Amrutha, Manasi Shankar, Nischitha Krishna, N. Keerthana and Ramya Rajesh; Vidwat students of Nruthya Vidya Peetha on natuvanga, R. Shreya - vocal, Vid. M.V. Skanda - mridanga, Vid. K.S. Samrudh - flute and Vid. Y.P. Vikram Bharadwaj - rhythm pad, Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, **6.30 pm.**

Gayana Sabha: Hindustani Classical Music concert by Pt. Sameer Rao and Vidu. Shruti Bhat, accompanists - Pt. Bhimashankar Bidanur and Adarsh Shenoy on tabla, Vid. Subray Bhat, Kavalakattu on harmonium, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**

Basava Kendra: Sharana Sangama, Sri Shivamurthy Murugha Sharana of Murugha Mutt graces, Thinker Sri Shivabuddhi Hallare speaks on 'Kannada mattu Sharanaru, vachana by Choodamani and group, Kendra premises, Khille Mohalla, **5.30 pm.**

Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru: Sri Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana, Sri Ramakshetra, 5th Main, Vidyaranyapuram, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** 'Gita Jnana Yajna' (Kannada) - Vibhuti Yoga (Bhagavad Gita - 10th Chapter)' by Swami Gahanananda, Sri Ramana Jnana Kendra, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Yukteshanandaji speaks on 'Divine Life of Sri Ramakrishna,' Ashrama, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 10)

Zeus Biotech, Mysore Elite Round Table 256 and Mysore Elite Ladies Circle 141: Mysuru Kiddathon - 2019, University Oval Ground, **6 am.**

Shaktinagar Residents Welfare Committee: 64th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, cleanliness drive, behind Adhyayan School, Shaktinagar Layout, **7.15 am.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, Mysuru: Artist U.G. Mohan Kumar Aradhya's painting expo 'Nadu Nudi Sadhakaru' as part of 64th Kannada Rajyotsava, Thinker Dr .Gubbigudu Ramesh inaugurates, International sports person Vijaya Ramesh chief guest, Partishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar delivers keynote address, artist U.G. Mohan Kumar Aradhya will be present, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira premises, **9.30 am.**

Music Event: Senior artiste, musicologist and a popular music teacher Dr. R.N. Sreelatha presents vocal concert, Vidu. Veena Suresh, Vid. Mysore A. Radhesh and Vid. V.S. Ramesh will accompany the singer on violin, mridanga and morching respectively, residence of Sangitha Kalanidhi Mysore Vasudevacharya, New Sayyaji Rao Road, **10.30 am.**

Sri Satyanarayanaswamy Sannidhi, Sri Amrutheshwara Temple: 24h annual Sri Satyanarayanaswamy Brahmotsava and Samrajya Mahalakshmi Pattabhisheka, Sri Lakshmi Kalyanotsava and Homa, **10.30 am**; Mahamangalarathi and Poornauthi, Temple premises, Dewan's Road, Devaraja Mohalla, **12.30 pm.**

Akshaya Patra Foundation (ISKCON): Inauguration of modern kitchen in Mahadevapura by Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish and Srirangapatna MLA Ravindra Srikantaiah, Akshaya Patra Foundation Chairman Madhu Pandit Dasa presides, Foundation premises, Mahadevapura Road, **11.30 am.**

Nanjangud Srikanteshwara Seva Sangha, Mysuru Division: 13th anniversary celebrations, Ganapati Puja and Mahaanyaasa, **9 am;** Yekaadashavaara Rudrabhisheka and Rudra Parayana, **9.30 am;** Mahamangalarati, Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha, Kalyana Bhavana, Thyagaraja Road, **12 noon.**

Mysurina Geleyaru, Mysuru and Ladai Prakashana, Gadag: Book release — Dr. H.S. Anupama's book *'Nanu Kastur - Jeevana Kathana'* — by Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy of Bengaluru, Mamatha Sagar speaks about the book, O.L. Nagabhushanaswamy presides, N. Divakar, Latha and Panditaradhya, Dr. H.S. Anupama and Shobana will be present, Rotary Hall, JLB Road, **4 pm.**

Nruthya Vidya Peeta - Academy of Classical Dance and Indian Arts: Dashamanothsava celebrations, Dr. Sarala talks on 'Women health and millets,' **5.30 pm;** Nruthya Marga (Dance Choreography and Direction by Vidu. C.N. Anitha); Vid. Unnath Jain, Hassan - natuvanga, Vid. Rakesh Sudhir - vocal, Vid. Y.P. Vikram Bharadwaj - mridanga, Vid. A.P. Krishna Prasad - flute and Vid. M.V. Skanda - rhythm pad, Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, **6.30 pm.**

Prathibe Vedike: Kannada Rajyotsava - Kanaka Namana - Sanmana - Sevakarya, Jnanodaya PU College Principal T.S. Srikanta Sharma inaugurates, Nandini M. Rao of Spoorthy's Event Management Company chief guest, Vedike Vice-President K. Indumathi S. Rajarathnam presides; felicitation to Keyboard artiste and Rajyotsava awardee Ganesh Eshwar Bhat; Writer Dr. Pradeep Kumbar Hebri speaks on 'Rajyotsava and Kanakadasa'; Vocal recital by Mysuru's Kripa Kala Balaga (Vidya Pani), Shylaja Nagaraj and R. Chandan), Vijaya College, Srirampura, **5.45 pm.**

Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: Vocal concert by Vid. M.A. Karthik, accompanied by Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy on violin and Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Kaliyugada Vyasa Sri Mahendranatha Gupta,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru: 'Gita Jnana Yajna' (Kannada) - Vibhuti Yoga (Bhagavad Gita - 10th Chapter)' by Swami Gahanananda, Sri Ramana Jnana Kendra, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

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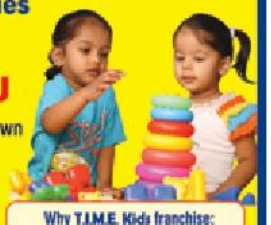

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